



# SPAR eNEWS

"Know the Happenings in Shreveport's Public Assembly and Recreation Department"



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**Happy Mothers' Day!**

May 2009

## Recreation



SPAR's 1st Annual Ester Egg Hunt Extravaganza was a roaring success! More than 1500 came to the event at Betty Virginia Park. The Easter Egg Hunt included more than 3000 eggs. CeCe the Clown entertained and provided balloon sculptures for the kids. It was a great family outing brought to you by SPAR!

SPAR & Robinson Film Center have restarted the Movies & Moonbeams outdoor movies. The full schedule of movies can be seen at [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org) by clicking on "Movies & Moonbeams". Also a preview of each movie can be viewed by clicking on the movie poster. For a great family outing, check out Movies & Moonbeams.

## Athletics

Elementary School basketball continues through May 12 followed by an end of season tournament. Boys & girls teams from Lakeshore, Queensborough and Judson are participating. The games are played at Lakeshore Elementary on Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning at 4:30 pm. Come out and support the players.

The youth T-Ball and machine pitch programs for ages 4-10 began on Apr 21. Teams from Southern Hills, Bill Cockrell, Valencia, AB Palmer and Andrew Currie are represented. Games are played at Southern Hills (T-Ball) and Cargill Park (machine pitch).

Following an opening day rain out, the adult softball program is now in full swing. Forty men's teams and 7 women's teams play at Cargill Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The Midnight Basketball Program kicked off with a coaches meeting on Apr 21. The Athletics staff is coordinating with various agencies that will conduct valuable life skills classes during the program. Games will begin on June 8.

## SPAR Presents King & Queen of Swing!



The City of Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation Department (SPAR) presents the "King & Queen of Swing", Jimmy "Mr. Lucky" & Beverly "Lady Luck" Lynch, at Bill Cockrell Community Center, 4109 Pines Road. The area's best dancers will offer instructions for Texas Swing (Ballroom), Cha Cha, Two Steppin', Tango, Second Beat "Swing-O" and Line Dances. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Jimmy and Beverly make dancing so much fun and entertaining that you won't realize you are exercising and learning new dances at the same time. What a wonderful way to get in shape while doing the Cuban Shuffle or old style swing. Come and Dance with King & Queen of Swing! You'll have a great time! For more info call the center at 318-629-4185 or Jimmy and Beverly at 318-869-0945.

## Youth Programs



The benefits to the citizens of Shreveport of the SPAR Summer Camps are evident. The available slots in the camps were virtually filled in the first ten days of registration. More than 800 kids have been registered. As of April 24<sup>th</sup>, of the 15 centers, only David Raines, Valencia, Sunset Acres and Hattie Perry had a few slots still available. The camps' popularity is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the centers' managers and staff.

There is an orientation meeting for parents of campers at each center on Thursday, May 28. Many field trips and programs require parental approval and cooperation. Attending the orientation meeting is extremely important if the child is to benefit from all that SPAR summer camps offer. Camps start on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to a summer "full of fun".

## Upcoming Events

May 2-3 - Cinco de Mayo Festival Plaza

May 9 - Fit for Life Day

May 16 - Family Music Series Southern Hills Park 10am - 2pm

May 21-24 - Mudbug Festival Festival Plaza

May 23 - Family Music Series Betty Virginia Park 10am - 2pm

May 30 - Family Music Series Riverview Park 10am - 2pm

May 30 - Farmers Market Festival Plaza

For more info on upcoming events visit [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org)

For all Shreveport/Bossier City events check out:

[shreveportbossierfunguide.com](http://shreveportbossierfunguide.com)



## Photo Contest!



SPAR's "Take A Pic, & Win A Tee" photo contest is ongoing. Take a fantastic photo of your family, friends and you enjoying a SPAR facility or event and win a T-shirt! Contest open to all except SPAR employees and their family. Photo must be a 2009 photo and can be of person(s) or thing. Win your t-shirt now!

Email photograph to: [frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov](mailto:frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov)

Include "Photo Contest" in subject along with relevant names, facility and event.

## Senior Happenings



The Seniors held Easter Programs at many of the centers as they prepared for Easter Sunday. They made beautiful Easter Baskets from newspaper and also dyed eggs that were distributed to grandchildren, Head Start children and many local nursing homes. They even did biblical research on what the different colors of the eggs and our bright Easter attire represent.

On April 7, 2009, a graduation service was held for 85 Seniors who received certificates in Basic or Advance Computers. Dr. Mairus McFarland, Family Practice Doctor, Minister, Minister of Music and Former Caddo Parish Corner, was the inspiring speaker. A.B. Palmer and Airport Park Choirs, along with Eric Barber, soloist, were the highlights of the graduation attended by many family and friends.

The Senior Program's first annual Cinderella Ball was held on April 23, 2009 at A. B. Palmer. Eight Seniors attempted to wear the glass slipper and thus be crowned "Miss Cinderella". Bertha Smalley of A.B. Palmer was crowned "Cinderella". The winner received many gifts and a ride in a chauffeured limousine and was serenaded by Prince Charming, Daryl English, as she sipped wine (grape juice) and ate grapes and cheese. It was a "Ball" had by all!